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SUBJECT: TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

REF: MEXICO CITY 8238

1. MEXICAN DELEGATION TO GATT TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS,
HEADED BY DANIEL BASULTO, MET WITH U. S. DEL OCTOBER 5.

2. BASULTO EXPRESSED REGRET FOR ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS USG
MIGHT HAVE OVER GOM'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS RECENT SEPTEMBER
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AND STATED GOM DEL APPRECIATIVE OF
AREAS BOTH SIDES WERE ABLE TO AGREE UPON DURING THOSE TALKS.

3. BASULTO SAID GOM DEL AUTHORIZED TALK IN GENEVA IN
GENERAL TERMS ABOUT QUOTE TENTATIVE UNQUOTE MAN-MADE
FIBER BILATERAL AS WELL AS POSSIBLE GOM SUPPORT FOR USG
POSITION ON MULTILATERAL, MULTIFIBER TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT
(MFA). WHILE GOM DEL COULD TALK ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS HERE,
IT WOULD BE DOING SO IN EXPECTATION OF DEFINITIVE USG-GOM
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BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS LATER THIS MONTH, AND GOM DEL PROPOSED

SUCH TALKS IN MEXICO CITY BEGINNING NOVEMBER 19, CHAIRED ON GOM SIDE BY UNDER SECRETARY CAMPELLO SAENZ. FYI USDEL ACCEPTED NOVEMBER 19 DATE IN PRINCIPLE, SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF MFA NEGOTIATIONS SO REQUIRED. END FYI.

4. BASULTO THEN SAID GOM WILLING CONSIDER SUPPORT USG POSITION MFA ON FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS (1) BOTH SIDES REACH TENTATIVE UNDERSTANDING ON BILATERAL MAN-MADE AND (2) MFA IS QUOTE LESS RESTRICTIVE UNQUOTE THAN LTA.

5. BASULTO SPECIFIED THAT AS SINE QUA NON TO GOM UNDERSTANDING ON MAN-MADE FIBER BILATERAL, GOM WOULD SEEK (1) SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN COTTON QUOTA (NOT CLEAR IF BY THIS BASULTO MEANT AGGREGATE OR ONE-SHOTS), (2) A SIGNIFICANTLY LARGE BASE IN MAN-MADE BILATERAL (I.E., A BASE NOT REPEAT NOT COMPUTED ON HISTORICAL TRADE PATTERNS), (3) INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN COTTON CATEGORIES, AND (4) NO REPEAT NO CHARGE AGAINST QUOTA OF 807 TEXTILE EXPORTS. OF THE ABOVE FOUR POINTS , BASULTO SAID RESOLUTION OF 807 TEXTILE EXPORT PROBLEM HAD FIRST PRIORITY.

6. USDEL THANKED BASULTO FOR HIS CANDOR AND, IN GENERAL TERMS, SAID U. S. COULD NEGOTIATE ON POINTS (1, (2), AND (3) OF PARA 5. U. S. DEL POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, 807 SITUATION IS A PROBLEM FOR U.S., TOO, AND SAID WE WOULD WANT MORE TIME TO REFLECT UPON AND CONSIDER ALL GOM DEL REQUESTS. U. S. DEL REITERATED WILLINGNESS DISCUSS THEM IN DEPTH IN MEXICO CITY.

7. DISCUSSION THEN EVOLVED INTO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MFA AND RECESSED UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK.
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